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Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A method for accessing information over a

network, comprising the steps of:

utilizing a tool in conjunction with an extraction operation on a user's processor at

a user location on the network to extract a product information from indicia associated with a

product that is external to the tool, the tool having a unique ID that is in a fixed relationship to

the tool and is only associated therewith, which unique ID is assembled in combination with the product information during the extraction operation into a message packet; and

in response to utilizing the tool and assembly of the message packet having the

unique ID with the product information, interconnecting the user's location on the network to a

predetermined destination at a remote location on the network, which destination has an

association with the unique ID of the tool.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the tool comprises a

peripheral on the user's processor.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the tool comprises a scanner

which is interfaced with the user's processor.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of Claim 3, wherein the scanner is utilized to scan

a bar code.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the information of the remote

location on the network is uniquely associated with the unique ID.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of interconnecting

the user's location on the network to a remote location in response to utilizing the tool having a

unique tool ID comprises:

determining the unique tool ID of the tool at the user's processor in response to

use of the tool in conjunction with the user's processor;

transmitting the unique tool ID to an intermediate location on the network in

response to determining the unique tool ID;

comparing the transmitted unique tool ID at the intermediate location with an associative database, which associative database has contained therein a plurality of remote

locations and associated routing information therefore on the network and associations with one

or more of the a plurality of unique tool IDs for one or more of a plurality of tools;

if a match is made between the received unique tool ID and the corresponding

said unique tool ID in said associative database, then returning the associated routing information

from the associated database to the user's location on the network; and

at the user's location on the network effecting a communication link over the

network between the user's location and the remote location defined by the returned routing

information.

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Claim 7 (Original): The method of Claim 6, wherein the associative database is

local to the intermediate location.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of Claim 7, wherein the tool is used by the user at

the user's location.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of utilizing further

comprises the step of utilizing the tool in conjunction with launching a browser operation on the

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user's processor.

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